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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUANCE**

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SIR:

In the Office Action of April 5, 2005, the Examiner states that the IDS filed October 3, 2003 has not been considered as the references were not received with the IDS. Further, Applicants have received an European Patent Search Report for the EP patent application, which corresponds to the present application. The issue fee was paid for the present application on March 28, 2005. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the present application from issuance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(c)2 or 1.313(c)3 and are filing an RCE so that the information in the IDS can be considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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